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Testimony on Proposed HB 5096 An Act Increasing The Threshold Required For Passage Of Unfunded Mandates.

Dear Chairmen Osten and Miller, Ranking Members Linares and Aman, and distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee

Thank you for holding a public hearing today on HB 5096 which seeks to change the legislature's ability to pass unfunded mandates from a simple majority to a two-thirds vote in each chamber. The legislature in recent years has made efforts to eliminate mandates that impacts all of our towns and cities, however more work needs to be done in this area.

I do have a similar bill currently before another committee that seeks to curb the passage of new unfunded mandates. I respectfully ask that the Planning and Development Committee to raise this legislation and have further conversations about the importance of helping all of our towns and cities in their local budget making process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Cecilia Buck-Taylor